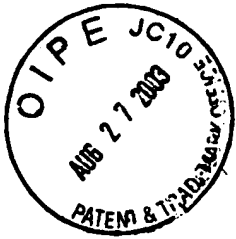


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 Serial No.: 09/992,612 Group: Art Unit 3731  
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 For: **POLYAXIAL PEDICLE SCREW HAVING A THREADED AND TAPERED  
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